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more conventional range from golf to polo and from tennis to yachting, and from small and quite delightful dinner parties to large and devastating cocktail parties. In fact, you can do practically everything in and around Aden that can be done elsewhere in the world with the exception of winter sports, rugby football and bowls.

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The great game of the local people is Association Football and there are more than twenty Football Clubs registered with the Aden Sports Association, which is a predominantly Asiatic body and which exercises a degree of control over the Clubs much on the lines of the Football Association in this country. The Association controls also the Stadium in Crater where the more important games are held and where Arabs, Indians and Somalis collect in thousands with a few Europeans on Saturday afternoons when important competition games are in progress. The standard of play is very high and nowadays there is not nearly so much rough play as there used to be and players and, or, spectators seldom come to blows on or off the ground. The hooliganism often demonstrated in this country has not yet reached Aden. In this respect it is still a backward and undeveloped country. Personally, although I always took an interest in the game, I never played football and confined my more athletic pursuits to hockey and tennis and I swam at Gold Mohur Bathing Club spasmodically until I discovered it had a colour bar rule, the only Club in Aden to have one, and then I left. I was not sorry to go because the Club had become very crowded and amply demonstrated the unfortunate fact that those who can afford to remove their clothing seldom do and those who should remain covered in the common interest always display as much of their ample acreage as the over-liberal laws permit. My main pursuits were sailing and shooting, and in my earlier days sea fishing. Most unfortunately sailing and shooting are seasonal in Aden and the season is the same for both, so I was forever being torn between the two and what made matters much worse was that the Aden Yacht Club's weekly race was on Sunday morning, and Sunday morning was the only morning in the week that my conscience would allow me to take off to shoot. Generally I shot until Christmas

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658 School. A number of free places are provided for poor and
871 meritorious students. No fees are charged in the Government girls' schools.

Contributions towards Government expenditure on education are made by the Aden Settlement and by the Aden Port Trust; for the financial year 1937-8, in which the expenditure is estimated to be Rs.93,900, these contributions will amount to Rs.50,000 and Rs.15,000 respectively.

Welfare Institutions.

747 There are no welfare institutions in Aden Colony. The Silver Jubilee (Destitute) Fund is administered by the Chairman of the Aden Settlement, and the interest from the investments is used to provide for relief, principally at Sheikh Othman.

Recreation.

529 Facilities exist for every form of recreation. The Aden Football Association exercises general control of the numerous football clubs and is endeavouring to raise the general standard of play and encourage the right spirit. In addition to the military grounds at Steamer Point (Tawahi) there are grounds reserved for the local inhabitants at Tawahi, Crater, Maala, and Sheikh Othman. Hockey and cricket are played both at Tawahi and Crater. Apart from the military grounds there is only one hockey ground at Crater. There are tennis clubs in Crater and Tawahi and one in the military area, which is exclusively for civil and military Europeans.

528 Polo and golf and squash rackets are played at Khormaksar, and No. 8 (B) Squadron have a golf course of their own. There is a European bathing club at Gold Mohur Bay, which is open to non-residents on payment of a small charge. At Tawahi there is a European social club and another small social club, the members of which are principally Anglo-Indians and Goans. The Arabs have organized two social clubs, one at Crater and the other at Tawahi. They interest themselves in social matters and provide facilities on their premises for games and meetings. Arabic periodicals are taken and occasionally lectures are given.

XI.—COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT.

Shipping.

505 The number of vessels, exclusive of country craft, which entered the port of Aden from the 1st April, 1937, to the 31st March, 1938, was 1,261 with an aggregate tonnage of 8,878,040.

The number of country craft entering the port during 1937 was 1,254 with an aggregate tonnage of 53,891.

504 During recent years Aden has developed rapidly as an oil-bunkering port. This is due mainly to its favourable geographical position, as it is nearer to the Persian oil fields than any other